

Welcome, All Worshipers

**Whoever you are, and wherever you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here.**

The concept of “unity without uniformity and diversity without fragmentation” shifts the focus from unity based on tolerance of differences towards a more complex unity based on an understanding that difference enriches human interactions.

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(\* indicates when those who are able will stand.)  
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Prelude

CENTERING SONG – SPIRIT, OPEN MY HEART (SEE INSERT)

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BORIS GERBER, LAY READER

***OPENING HYMN: #592 GOD OF THE AGES, WHO WITH SURE COMMAND ALL VERSES**

*Call to Worship

Leader: We gather this morning to center our lives on your love, your peace, and your forgiveness.

All: We look up to the night sky and see the vastness of your creation, and we sing out in awe.

Leader: We look out and see the beauty of your creation.

All: We look down and see the solid foundation you have given us to take care of and honor.

Leader: We have just finished celebrating our nation's independence Holy God.

All: Help us this week to celebrate its *inter-dependence*.

Leader: We cannot survive standing alone either as individuals or as a nation.

All: Help us to grow by sharing our lives with each other and caring for each other. By centering on you, we may have eyes that truly see.

*Opening Prayer - Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Leader: Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace;
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is error, the truth;
Where there is doubt, the faith;

Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
And where there is sadness, joy.

**All: O Divine Master,
Grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled, as to console;
To be understood, as to understand;
To be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned:
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

***Pentecost Song of Praise - Hymn #42 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing**
Vs 1, 2 & 4

SCRIPTURE: LUKE 11:1-4, MATTHEW 6:5-14, 1 CORINTHIANS 13:8-13

CHILDREN'S SERMON

***HYMN: #591 THIS IS MY SONG ALL VERSES**

SERMON: THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS – A WASTE OF TIME? REV. ROBERT CASE

***HYMN: LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH (SEE INSERT) SING THROUGH TWICE**

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS, PASTORAL PRAYER

***CLOSING HYMN: ONCE TO EVERY MAN AND NATION (SEE INSERT) ALL VERSES**

*BENEDICTION

All: Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind.

Minister: And the blessing God who made us, who loves us, and who travels with us, be with you now and forever. Amen.

***UNISON RESPONSE: And God will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of God's hand. Amen.** Words and music by Michael Joncas. Copyright 1979 OCP. Permission to reprint/stream this music obtained from OneLicense #A-739847.

Postlude

OUR APPRECIATION IS EXTENDED TO MEMBERS AND FRIENDS
WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP MINISTRY

Lay Reader: **Boris Gerber**
Altar Guild: **Jackie Bell**
Ushers: **Max & Vicky Lindsay**
Fellowship Hosts: **Jeff & Ann Gerow**

Live Stream Operators: **Jay Kettler**
and **Lynn Borke**
Counter: **Boris Gerber**

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

July 10, 2022

This Week's Calendar

Sunday	July 10	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Monday	July 11	5:30 p.m.	Board of Directors Meeting

Announcements:

- ❖ Please plan to attend our Congregational Conversation Sunday, July 24 at 11:30 a.m. A taco salad lunch will be served. To sign up, please call or email the church office or complete the sign-up forms at the back of the sanctuary. You are welcome to join in-person or virtually.
- ❖ URGENT - Fellowship hosts are needed for July 31 as well as the month of August. Please complete the sign-up sheet at the back of the sanctuary or call Bill Haase at 989-916-4104 for more information.
- ❖ The following items are currently needed for our Feed A Family Program:
Hotdog and hamburger buns, Tuna Helper and Chicken Helper, au gratin potato packages, Rice A Roni or Pasta Roni, Noodles & Sauce or Rice & Sauce pouches

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A unisex handicap-accessible restroom is located through the doors to your left as you exit the sanctuary. A ladies' room is near the Lockwood Street entrance. A men's room is in the middle hallway.  
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*We welcome people as they are,
share Jesus as He is, and serve
our community and the world in love.*



Transitional Ministers: *Rev. Dr. H. Robert Case (Pastor Emeritus)*
and *Reverend Eugene Bacon*
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Scripture Readings

Luke 11:1-4

11 He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ²He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. ³Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial."

Matthew 6:5-14

⁵"And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ⁶But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ⁷"When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. ⁸Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

⁹"Pray then in this way: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. ¹⁰Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹Give us this day our daily bread. ¹²And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one. ¹⁴For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you;

1 Corinthians 13:8-13

⁸Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.